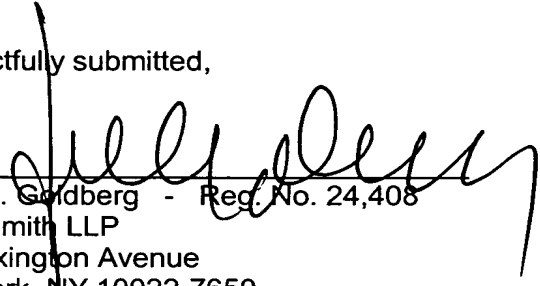


## REMARKS

The above amendment is submitted to eliminate the multiple dependency of Claim 17 in order to reduce the filing fee. New claim 18 has been added. No new matter is added. Entry into the application is earnestly solicited.

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